it does not produce and sell it at a further profit.
They preach the great Law of Progress : Be Ye Content Never With The Things That Ye Have.
They are the mendicant friars of the great Commercial Church. The Law orders clothes and they supply them; the Trade wants coco-nuts and offers accordions and bully beef, and they go between.
They are always industrious. They are rarely dishonest—personally I am amazed at their honesty.
They are easy to tax and rule. The Government could hardly exist without them.
Surely it is a small matter that the Tahitian cannot exist with them. He lived in a Garden of Eden with the rules of the Sermon on the Mount and neither of those will give you even, say, twenty-five per cent.
The Chinese store was useful. There was nothing much to eat in the village, for the Chinese buy up all that is good and send it to Papeete market, and the half-caste folk have

long been dis-
abused of the notion that white men are demi-gods
and guests anyway, for whom the whole village
should turn out and provide. Besides, it' has
largely forgotten how to provide. There is no
excuse, but it has fallen to the lure of Chinese-